Avondale March 29th 1830

My Dear Sir

It was not till this day week past that I went to Baltimore, and only returned last night

I spoke to Mr Heath on the subject of our petition for McKelheny, it had never been mentd to him before I find he is very much inclined to moderation in politics He is willing to act if necessary in Mr's Case. A plain petition signed by several persons in and about where he lives, he thinks is all that is requisite. If you think it worth while to do any thing more in the business at present, and will send me the article I will forward it to Mr Heath as immediately as possible. He says he will give it into the hands of One of the Council living in Baltimore and also speak himself to the Governor on the subject. I saw yr son in Baltimore several times he appears to be quite well.

Mr Van Bibber has just solicited permission to accompany Isaac, to yr house, but as she intends going to Baltimore to morrow I was fearful it wd fatigue her too much. She requests her affectionate consideration be presented to Mrs Birnie & yr daughters & yr self to whom also I offer my own

Yrs sincerely
W.F.M.

Timothy Birnie Esquire

P.S. Jasper to be at home all this week

To
Timothy Birnie Esq
Near Jones Town

Avondale 29 March 1830
Washington City

White water Mington 4th April 1830

My ever dear Friend

If an apology could be offered, I should endeavour to make one, for my shameful neglect in not replying sooner to your last kind letters, my correspondence is not worthy of your time, but Common sense, and manners force there no other has I should have urged me to write you sooner; and indeed I feel reluctant in any not more punctually replying to my dear Miss Barnes instructive and interesting letters, do me the kindness to present my best regards & grateful thanks, & say I hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing again from her. I at this moment find my self almost incapable of writing to you, from another severe rheumatic attack, indeed they are now become so frequent & always attended with fever that I am debilitated, & nearly helpless. this winter has been a sad one to me, with respect to health & indeed other troubles & crosses in life; yet the almighty has been favourable & very merciful to me, & I trust will grant me fortitude & patience to bear all things as I know and feel I deserve to be beaten with many stripes — you bid me tell you how I am getting along — in November Grenville proposed taking the Mill from me, into his own hands, & we got a Miller entered into a written engagement, & I expected things would have been satisfactory, I gave each an acc. Book to enter all the proceeds, disbursements, &c. &c. that I might see how they were getting on, & know what was making, I found this was little attended to, & in December 31st when the mile dam was carried away by unprecedented floods, I began to look at the proceeds, & found every thing unsatisfactory: the fact, the Miller came all

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now my Dear Sally I have trespassed on your time with a narrative of some of my misfortunes but alas not all. I have been very mercifully dealt with by an indulging God, whose words must be fulfilled & glorified in his just judgements. I have rewarded all the evil on my self thro' disobedience to his just Commands, and following the evil desires of my Corrupt heart, if my sufferings be sanctified through mercy to the salvation of my immortal Spirit, all will be well, this is my hope and Comfort in me through every trial of life, the scene must soon close and I think this is the last good friday I am to remain this side the grave — not long since I indulged a fond hope that we might meet again, I know there is nothing impossible to him in whom I put my trust, but nature must have its course & my sufferings must in long separate me from my dearest. I said long since I could give you no satisfactory news — indeed my confinement prevents my seeing enough of others I might obtain intelligence of many things that nothing

When you write to my friends inform them of this Mission to my dear Gen. Bernard is it thinks the friends must have when remember me and assure them I am writing to them in spirit tho' not in body — Farewell

Mr Kingsbury
Office
Albany

Washington City April 9th 1830
Dear Miss Bill
To
Miss Birnie
Avondale
Jersey Town
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